

La Paz County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year
2012-2013



Arizona
Department of
Education
Adult Education
Services

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Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school adults
who are
16 years of age and
older and who are
not enrolled in
K-12 school.

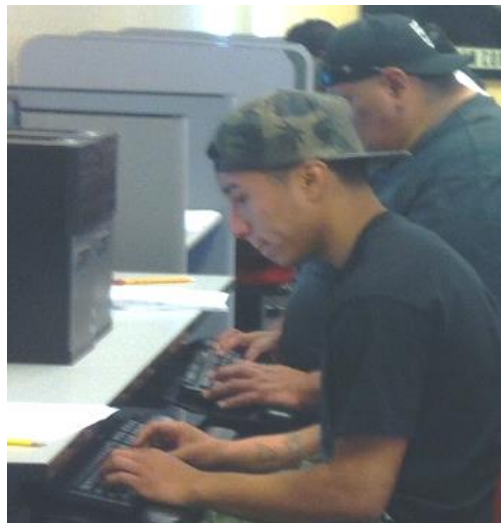


According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,* people who have a high school diploma will earn, on average, **\$9,412 MORE per year** than a non-high school graduate.

For the **24** people in La Paz County who earned a high school diploma through GED® testing in PY 2012-13, this represents a potential increase in taxable income of approximately **\$225,888 per year** for La Paz County.

*U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics 2012 Median Annual Earnings

In Arizona, providers must meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes to be funded. **La Paz Career Center** is funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout La Paz County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated **\$90,464** to **La Paz County** for adult education services for the Program Year 2012-2013.



Community: **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 20,410 people living in La Paz County, 82% (16,768) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 25% (4,183) lack a high school credential. 23% (112) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

4% of individuals 18 years and older (609) live in "linguistically isolated" households (all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English).

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2012 3-Yr Estimate

Adult Education in LaPaz County: **DATA**

- 108 adults enrolled in adult education classes
- 6,295 instructional hours were provided in adult education classes
- \$14.37 of adult education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$837.63 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (compared to over \$7,500 funding per K-12 student)
- 45% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 31% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 26% who sought a job found employment
- 58% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 8% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- County GED® Testing Data: **24** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services
<http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/>

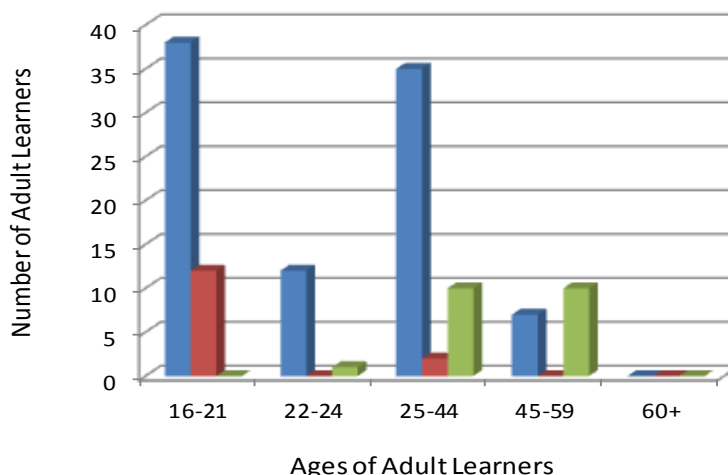
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in La Paz County

- 72% of the adults in La Paz County enrolling in adult education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills below ninth grade.
- 39% of adult learners in La Paz County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 27% of adult learners in La Paz County are employed.
- 19% (1,574) of females in La Paz county lack a high school credential. The *National Assessment of Adult Literacy* research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math
SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a **LIFETIME.**

La Paz County Adult Learners Served



- **ABE = Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.
- **ASE = Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies through 12th grade.
- **ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.

